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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Hope and Courage, we give You thanks for the women and men who serve our Commonwealth in and through this chamber. We pray that they may have good health and a spirit of joy as they continue to serve the people of Massachusetts.

Prayer.

Today we remember the town of Lexington as yesterday was the anniversary of the battle there in 1775, the first in the American Colonies' War of Independence. Of the 77 militia who engaged the British regulars in battle, 8 died and 10 others were wounded. With its Battle Green, historic taverns, homes and burial grounds, Lexington remains one of most significant destinations for tourists who come to Massachusetts.

The man atop the fieldstone base of the famous Minuteman statue is supposed to depict Captain John Parker, leader of the Lexington militia in 1775, although no images of him exist. Medford resident Arthur Mather, among others, served as a model for the sculptor.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mr. Collins of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Benedict J. "Benny" Fiasconaro of South Boston. Mr. Fiasconaro proudly served his country in the Korean War era with the United States Army, and later retired from a career with the city of Boston. Father of Benedict, Jayne, Karen, Michael, John, and the late Charles Fiasconaro, he also leaves behind siblings Celeste (Tina), Kay, Mary, his late brothers Mario, Paul, Joseph, Vincent, his former wife Lorraine Fiasconaro, and many beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Benedict J.
Fiasconaro.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Austin Ahearn on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Austin
Ahearn.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich and other members of the House) congratulating the Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann on the occasion of its thirtieth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) congratulating Dylan DeCosta of the town of Easton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) commending Lieutenant Colonel Timothy J. Ferguson;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Eric Martin Carlson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring the Honorable John W. Costello on his ninetieth birthday;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Nathaniel Gray Gordon on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Ryan Barrett Hennessee on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Alexander Christian Luzaitis on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Alexander Edmund Prideaux on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Matthew Hewett Scherrer on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Timothy Francis Arego on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Kinley MacGregor Baird on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Patrick Anthony Cronin on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Matthew Robert Pepin on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Independent
Living
Center.

Dylan
DeCosta.

Timothy
Ferguson.

Eric
Carlson.

John
Costello.

Nathaniel
Gordon.

Ryan
Hennessee.

Alexander
Luzaitis.

Alexander
Prideaux.

Matthew
Scherrer.

Timothy
Arego.

Kinley
Baird.

Patrick
Cronin.

Matthew
Pepin.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Chapter 90I of the General Laws, as inserted by Section 9 of Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014) submitting the annual progress report on MassDOT's Complete Streets Program [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Public Health and Transportation, as required by said law]; and

From the acting commissioner of the Division of Insurance (see Section 228(i) of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of said division relative to coverage minimums for transportation network vehicles for year 2016;

Severally were placed on file.

MassDOT,—
Complete
Streets
Program.

Uber, etc.,—
insurance.

Report.

A report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 245 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016) submitting the evaluation of said department of each manufactured housing community in the Commonwealth and a determination of the percentage of resident households at each manufactured housing community that qualify for low or moderate income housing under Chapter 40B of the General Laws, was placed on file.

Manufactured
housing
communities,—
Chapter 40B
eligibility.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2051) of Anne M. Gobi and Todd M. Smola (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Palmer to issue one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises at 4279 Church Street, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Palmer,—
liquor
license.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Mike Connolly and others relative to consent for abortions for persons less than eighteen years of age; and

Abortion,—
consent age.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael S. Day and Gerard Cassidy relative to penalties for the crime of larceny;

Larceny,—
penalties.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James M. Kelcourse and Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Pamela Dube, an employee of the Department of Developmental Disabilities. To the committee on Public Service.

Pamela Dube,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Cariddi of North Adams, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3474) of Mary S. Keefe and others relative to the classification of gaming establishment employees,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Gaming,—
employees.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the town of Rehoboth to transfer a conservation easement on a certain parcel of land (House, No. 1102) [Local Approval Received];

Rehoboth,—
land.

Authorizing the town of Westport to convey a non-exclusive access easement in a portion of town property at 493 Old County Road to benefit 497 Old County

Westport,—
land.

Road (House, No. 1114) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the appointment of a superintendent of streets in the town of Middlefield (House, No. 1119) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Boylston to sell a portion of a certain town property (House, No. 1120) [Local Approval Received];

Regarding town meeting articles in the town of Framingham (House, No. 1121) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the charter of the town of Eastham (House, No. 2423) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Truro to convey a perpetual trail easement on conservation land to Truro conservation trust (House, No. 2424) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing the department of inspectional services and permitting in the town of Lakeville (House, No. 2780) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the town of Burlington representative town meeting form of government (House, No. 2789) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Angeline Lee, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3456);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Middlefield,—
streets.

Boylston,—
land.

Framingham,—
town meeting.

Eastham,—
charter.

Truro,—
conservation
land.

Lakeville,—
services.

Burlington,—
town meetings.

Angeline Lee,—
sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Monica Bassila, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 3462), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at ten o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at ten o'clock A.M.